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Dear Parents / Guardians:

The Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board has received notice from our teacher union (OECTA), that they will be enhancing their administrative job action starting on Tuesday, February 11th, 2020. These additional job actions will have an impact on school operations, in particular, the ability to run some of our system events and large scale field trips that require the use of Occasional teachers and adjustments to daily schedules.

These job actions now require us to re-evaluate our plans and activities in both our Secondary and Elementary schools. Complicating this issue is a province wide shortage of available occasional staff to cover vacancies. As such, we are having to postpone some events and field trips that require significant occasional teachers and Principal / Vice Principal participation.

At this time the BGCDSB chess tournament that was scheduled for this Thursday February 13th at St. Teresa Catholic Elementary School in Walkerton is postponed and will be rescheduled to a later date this school year. Ski trips at various elementary schools are also being postponed with hopes of rescheduling them before the end of the ski season.

We sincerely hope and pray for a fair and just resolution to this provincial labour dispute and are grateful for your understanding. Please continue to check the Labour Updates tab on our Board Website https://www.bgcdsb.org/labour_update for the most up-to date information.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary O'Donnell". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Gary O'Donnell
Director of Education

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